Kalluipalam, with one of the Assistants from the local Hospital as the Medical Officer in charge.

Dewan's reply.—Noted.

176. Certain needs of the Ambalapuzha taluk.

Mr. Ousep Kochu Ousep (Member, Ambalapuzha taluk) represented the following needs of the Ambalapuzha taluk :—

(1) The canal from Alleppey to Changanasseri already cut to a length of 4 miles should be completed as early as possible.

(2) The construction of a road from Thiruvella to Ambalapuzha sanctioned some years back should be taken up at an early date. If that could not be done at present, at least the portion of the proposed road from Thakazhi to Thalavadi should be constructed, so as to establish a land route between those two places which were connected with Ambalapuzha and Thiruvalla respectively by two village roads.

(3) A Munsiff's court should be established at Ambalapuzha.

Dewan's reply.—Noted.

177. Needs of the Vaikom taluk.

Mr. Ousep Avira Tharakan (Member, Nominated) represented that the appellate jurisdiction over the Vaikom Munsiff's court should be transferred from the Parur District Court to the Alleppey or Kottayam District Court, as Vaikom was nearer to Alleppey and Kottayam than Parur. The journey from Vaikom to the latter place occupied nearly two days, while that to the former places could be made in a few hours. The appellate jurisdiction over the Vaikom Munsiff's Court which formerly vested in the Alleppey District Court was transferred to the Parur District Court some time back. The Member pointed out that the necessity for the appointment of a temporary Second Judge at Parur could be avoided if his request be granted, for such a change of appellate jurisdiction would result in a fall in the file of the Parur District Court.

The Member next requested that classes VIII and IX be opened in the Higher Grade Vernacular school at Thaikattusseri.

He then pointed out that the study of Malayalam was very much neglected and that sufficient encouragement had not been given to higher Vernacular education. There were at present only six Vernacular High Schools in the whole State. The Member prayed that the number of Vernacular High Schools should be increased with a view to give better impetus to the study of Malayalam. He thanked the Government for reviving the Vernacular Higher Examination which was abolished a few years back. In reference to the Vaikom and Shertalai taluks he said that there were more than 20 Higher Grade Vernacular schools. The boys who passed from those schools found it difficult to continue their studies further for want of a Vernacular High school. Their poverty prevented them from going to distant places, such as Thiruvella, Trivandrum &c. He, therefore, prayed that a Vernacular High School be established at Thaikattusseri and that an Industrial branch be attached to that school. The Member also stated that the people were ready to put up buildings at their cost, if any were required.

Dewan's reply.—Arrangements have been made for the opening of class VIII in the Thycattusseri Higher Grade Vernacular School, with the beginning of the next school year. Government have already sanctioned the establishment of an additional court at Parur. The Member's request for transfer of appellate jurisdiction will however be considered. The other points are noted.

178. Needs of the Changanachery taluk.

Mr. A. Madhavan Pillai (Member, Changanachery taluk) strongly urged the need for the opening of the Chalakkal and Kuttipuzha canals. As regards the former he said that more than half its length had been cut and if that be completed it would irrigate large areas of paddy fields and the out-put of paddy in the taluk would be increased very much. The people were even prepared to pay some

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